

ANZA Soccer Code of Conduct

ANZA Soccer believes that teaching children to play fairly and with good spirit is as important as teaching them skills and strategy. Please read and help your child to understand and follow the **Player's Code of Conduct**. All parents must also read and follow the **Parent's Code of Conduct**. Parent coaches must also read and follow the **Coach's Code of Conduct**.

1. Player's Code of Conduct

As a **player**, I will play by the rules:

- I will follow the ANZA Soccer Rules of Play
- I will never argue with a referee or official
- I will never use mean or insulting words to any other player

As a **player**, I will be a good sport:

- I will cooperate with my coach and my teammates
- I will play unselfishly, and I will congratulate good teamwork by others as well as good individual play
- I will win graciously and I won't brag
- I will lose calmly and I won't get mad
- After the game I will always thank the other team, the coaches, and my parents

2. Parent's Code of Conduct

As a **parent**, I will help my child to play fairly and with good spirit:

- I will inform my child of the Player's Code of Conduct, and make sure my child understands it
- I will back up the coach when he or she instructs my child about fair play
- I will remind my child to play for fun, not only to win
- I will encourage my child always to play by the rules

As a **parent**, I will model fair play and good spirit:

- I will cheer for good play, whether by my child's team or by their opponents
- I will never make negative comments about any child's play
- I will control my temper and never argue with the referees
- I will respect the coaches' decisions
- After the game I will thank the coaches, team parent, and referee

As a **parent**, I will be responsible and helpful, understanding that ANZA relies on volunteers:

- I will be ready to set up cones, move goals, and otherwise help the organisers / coaches
- I will remove all litter from the pitches when our time slot ends
- I will accept the decisions of the organisers; I understand that they try their best to accommodate the majority
- I will help get all players safely off the pitches if play is suspended due to lightning
- I will not leave my child unsupervised at the pitches; I understand that ANZA is not a child-minding service
- I will ensure that my child has shinguards and adequate water, and wears sunscreen
- I will not drive onto the emergency access (gravel) road; I will park only in marked spots
- I will abide by all rules of the Cage Sports Park, including not bringing dogs onto the pitches

3. Coach's Code of Conduct

As a **coach**, I will help my team members to develop as players:

- I will teach my players to play by the rules
- I will teach my players to play fairly and with good spirit
- I will encourage my players to applaud good teamwork as well as good individual play
- I will ensure that every player plays at least half the game
- I will try to accommodate players' preferences about positions, and will encourage them to try new positions from time to time

As a **coach**, I will treat my players with respect, and model fair play and good spirit:

- I will remember that children play for fun, and that winning is only part of the fun
- I will never ridicule or shout at a child for making a mistake
- I will never ridicule or shout at my team for losing
- I will be reasonable in my demands on my players' time, energy, and enthusiasm
- After the game I will thank the other team's players and coaches, and the referee

As a **coach**, I will be prepared and organized:

- I will come to the pitches prepared for our training time
- I will try to attend at least one of the "Parent-Coach Training Sessions" offered by the ANZA professional coaches
- I will liaise with my Team Parent to ensure good organization and communication
- I will respect my Age Group Coordinator and follow his or her directions
- I will call on other parents to help me as needed